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In Reply, Please Refer to
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2-312

Miami, Florida
June 21, 1963

Re: Intercontinental Penetration Forces
(Interpen)
Neutrality Matter

MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past four years, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 18, 1963, advised that Mike Morino, 5730 Northwest 113th Terrace, Hialeah, Florida, appears to be an American citizen who previously has sold arms to Cuban exiles in Miami, Florida. Morino reportedly is a friend of Frank Anthony Sturgis, who introduced him to members of the "Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil," an anti-Communist Cuban revolutionary organization. *Michael R. Morino*
FLA
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MM T-1 explained that Sturgis is an American soldier of fortune and mercenary, is involved in Cuban revolutionary activities, and is considered untrustworthy.

The "Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil" bought some weapons from Morino, then complained he charges ten times the value of these guns. *(S)(u)*

MM T-1 said that Gerald Patrick Hemming, head of the Intercontinental Penetration Forces (Interpen), found out about Morino and that Morino maintains a quantity of weapons at his residence. Hemming is considering *FLA*
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a plan to steal these guns from Morino, and at the present time is working out the details. Hemming made several calls to Morino's house, and was trying to arrange an appointment to meet Morino at the Trio Diner, 3632 Southwest 8th Street, on June 19, 1963, at 9:00 a.m. Hemming contacted Joe Garman, Steve Wilson, Roy Hargraves, and Richard Watley, members of his organization, all of whom agreed to help him in his plans to rob Morino of arms. (X)(u)

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MM T-1, on June 19th, 1963, advised that at 9:00 a.m. on that date, Hemming and Watley met Morino at the Trio Diner, and discussed the possibility of Hemming's buying arms from Morino. Morino took Watley out to his car and showed him some samples which Morino had in the trunk of his automobile. Morino then took Watley to a private residence at 2954 Southwest 16th Terrace, and showed him a 50 caliber machine gun which was for sale. Later, Hemming and several of his associates met Morino at Morino's residence in Hialeah, Florida, where they planned to rob him of his arms. Immediately thereafter, Morino's wife and children returned home unexpectedly, so Hemming postponed the robbery of Morino until a later time. (X)(u)

Hemming arranged to meet Morino the following morning, June 20, 1963, at the Trio Diner. (X)(u)

MM T-1 explained that Hemming was planning to meet Morino the following morning at the Trio Diner, then go to the residence at 2954 Southwest 16th Terrace with Morino, and forcibly take the arms Morino had at that residence. While Hemming's men detained Morino, Hemming would go to Morino's house and steal the remainder of the arms at that location. (X)(u)

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MM T-1, on June 20, 1963, advised that Roy Hargraves borrowed a station wagon, and Hemming arranged for a Cuban national in Miami, name unknown, to stand by and be available to drive this car to Morino's house to take away the weapons to be stolen by Hemming. Hemming also arranged for Anselmo ~~Aliegro~~, Fla Jr. to drive Hemming around in Aliegro's car. (X)(u)

For this armed robbery, Hemming planned to use a Russian-made "Papacha" (phonetic) machine gun. (X)(u)

MIAMI, Fla.
On June 19, 1963, Hargraves, Steve Wilson, Richard Watley and Joe Garman met Morino at the Trio Diner at about 8:15 p.m. Watley and Morino departed from there in Morino's automobile and went to 2954 Southwest 16th Terrace, the residence of Carlos Zarraga. Hargraves, Wilson and Garman followed a short distance away in a station wagon. They all arrived at Zarraga's residence at about the same time. Hemming and Aliegro arrived later, in Aliegro's car, and waited outside until Garman, from inside the house, gave the signal that all was clear.

Then, Hemming entered the house and found that Watley, Wilson, Hargraves and Garman had drawn their guns on Morino, Zarraga, two other unidentified Cubans, and Zarraga's wife and children. Zarraga's first impression was that Hemming and his associates were policemen. (X)(u)

Thereafter, Hemming and Watley brought Zarraga and Morino into the garage and severely threatened them, while the other members of Hemming's group raided the house and took out uniforms, ammunition magazines, guns of miscellaneous types, and one complete .50 caliber machine gun. (X)(u)

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Hemming got in a discussion with Zarraga and the two other Cubans, and Zarraga claimed he was selling the guns for Morino and had nothing to do with Morino personally. Hemming then had a change of heart, decided to give all the guns and equipment back to Zarraga, and then ordered his men to unload the station wagon and bring all the materiel back into the house. Hemming's men then left with Morino, to go to Morino's house and steal the weapons there. During this entire time, Morino was under the guns of Hemming's men, who threatened to shoot him if he tried to escape or obtain help. Hemming stayed at Zarraga's house for about another half hour, talking about the general Cuban political situation. Then Hemming and Aliegro left and drove to Morino's residence, noting that there was nobody there. Hemming and Aliegro went back to Zarraga's house, and ascertained that Hemming's men had not returned there. They then went to Hargrave's house, and then to Hemming's residence, following which they returned to Morino's place. When they were still about four blocks from Morino's house, they were stopped by United States Customs Agents, searched, and then released. (X)(u)

Hemming and Aliegro then returned to Zarraga's house again, and found the house was being processed by Miami police officers and United States Customs Agents. Zarraga explained to Hemming that he had removed the .50 caliber machine gun before the police had arrived, but that the police had confiscated the small Russian machine gun given to him by Hemming. Hemming then found out that his men, along with Morino, had been arrested by United States Customs agents. (X)(u)

Information, as it was received from MM T-1, was furnished to Mr. Wallace Shanley, Chief, Customs Port Investigators, Miami, Florida.

On June 20, 1963, Mr. Shanley advised that Roy Hargraves, 4170 Southwest 8th Street, Joseph Garman, 128 Southwest 8th Street, Justin Wilson and James Lewis, no known address, MIAMI, Fla. Fla. Fla.

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